

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-15 (cancelled)

16 (Currently amended). A thumb splint for limiting angular motion of a thumb, said thumb splint being formed from a single substantially elongated elongate strap defining a longitudinal axis, of non-elastic material having a first surface and a second surface, said strap further defining a strap first end portion, a substantially longitudinally opposed strap second end portion and a strap intermediate portion extending therebetween, said thumb splint comprising:

- a first loop formed at a first end of said strap, said first loop being formed by folding said strap first end portion of strap onto said strap intermediate portion so that said strap first end portion and said strap intermediate portion are substantially parallel relative to each other, parallel thereto, and affixing said first strap end portion thereto to said strap intermediate portion at a first loop attachment location, said first loop being dimensioned to accommodate a user's thumb, near near the base thereof;
- a second loop formed in said strap a predetermined distance from said first loop, said second loop being formed by folding said strap second end portion substantially transversely over and onto said strap intermediate portion itself and affixing said strap second end portion to said strap intermediate portion itself at the point of intersection at a second loop attachment location, said second loop being dimensioned to accommodate a user's index finger; and a positioning means between said first loop and said second loop to hold said first loop near the base of said user's thumb and said second loop to said user's index finger
- wherein said first loop attachment location is located outside of said second loop.

17 (Currently amended). The thumb splint of claim 16, further comprising a positioning component between said first loop and said second loop, said positioning component being configured and sized to hold said first loop near the base of said user's thumb and said second loop to said user's index finger,

~~wherein said positioning means comprises component -including an elongate~~ a substantially elongated positioning strap portion ~~of said strap extending from said second loop, of a~~ and having a length sufficient to substantially diagonally cross a user's palm and wrap around a user's wrist.

18 (Currently amended). In combination, ~~The the~~ thumb splint of claim 16 and a glove, said glove defining a thumb receiving portion and a finger receiving portion, wherein said thumb splint is ~~worn in conjunction with a glove secured to said glove so as to prevent said thumb receiving portion to move away from said finger receiving portion beyond a predetermined angle; and said positioning component comprises webbing of said glove, wherein said webbing is located between a thumb and finger receiving portion of said glove.~~

19 (Currently amended). The thumb splint of claim 16, wherein said strap ~~comprises a polyester or nylon webbing~~ is of a substantially uniform width.

20 (Currently amended). The thumb splint of claim 16, wherein said thumb splint prevents said thumb from moving away from said index finger beyond ~~100 degree. degrees~~ to a position where a wearer could injure the thumb.

21 (Currently amended). A thumb splint for limiting the angular motion of a thumb, formed from a single substantially elongated elongate strap of a substantially non-elastic material having a first surface and a second surface, said thumb splint comprising:

- a first loop formed at a first end of said strap, by folding said end of strap onto said strap, substantially parallel thereto, and affixing said first end thereto, said first loop being dimensioned to accommodate a user's thumb, near the base thereof;
- a second loop formed in said strap a predetermined distance from said first loop, by folding said strap substantially transversely over and onto itself and affixing said strap to itself at the point of intersection, said second loop being dimensioned to accommodate a

~~user's index finger; an elongated portion of said strap extending from said second loop, of a length sufficient to diagonally cross a user's palm, and wrap around a user's wrist; and fixation means on said elongated portion of strap to permit said elongated portion to be affixed around a user's wrist.~~

22(Currently amended). The thumb splint of claim 21, wherein an elongated portion of said strap extends from said second loop, said elongated portion having a length sufficient to diagonally cross a user's palm, and wrap around a user's wrist, said thumb splint further comprising fixation means on said elongated portion of strap to permit said elongated portion to be affixed around a user's wrist, said strap comprises a polyester or nylon webbing.

23(Currently amended). The thumb splint of claim 21, wherein said second loop assumes a substantially frusto-conical configuration when operatively mounted to a finger of an intended user said thumb splint prevents said thumb moving away from said index finger beyond 100 degree to a position where a wearer could injure the thumb.

24(Currently amended). A thumb splint to prevent injury to the ulnar collateral ligament of a thumb, said thumb splint comprising: a single strip of webbing, said thumb splint single strip of webbing having:

- an index finger receiving section positionable approximate substantially proximate to the ~~carpometacarpal-carpophalangeal~~ joint of an index finger, said index finger receiving section being formed by affixing substantially transversely one end of said webbing to a first position along said webbing, thereby forming a loop;
- a substantially non-extendable connector being formed from said webbing extending from said first position;
- a thumb receiving section for engaging a substantial portion of an outer edge of the proximal phalanx bone of a thumb, said thumb receiving section being formed from said single strip of webbing at an end of said non-extendable connector
- wherein, said single strip of webbing looping-loops from said end of said extendable connector around said proximal phalanx bone and is affixed to said end of said non-extendable connector;

~~- an elongated~~ substantially elongated strap formed from said single strip of webbing, said elongated strap extending from said end of said non-extendable connector over a palm, around a wrist, and over a back of a ~~hand; hand,~~
~~a velcro strip affixed to said elongated strap and located approximate to said end of said non-~~
~~extendable connector; and a velcro strip affixed to an end of said single strip of webbing,~~
~~said second velcro strip being affixable to said velcro strip.~~

25 (Previously presented). The thumb splint of claim 24, wherein said webbing comprises a polyester or nylon.

26 (Currently amended). The thumb splint of claim 24, wherein said thumb splint prevents said thumb moving away from said index finger beyond 100~~-degree-~~ degrees to a position where a wearer could injure the thumb.

27 (Currently amended). A thumb splint comprising: an elongated band of a substantially non-elastic material having a ~~first,~~ thumb-receiving loop formed in a first end thereof, and a second, forefinger-receiving loop formed ~~a short distance from said first thumb-receiving loop by~~ folding said band of material at about 90~~-degree-~~ degrees over itself, and securing the band to itself at the point of intersection, to define a top to bottom tapering forefinger-receiving loop in the band of material, said thumb-receiving and forefinger-receiving loops being disjoint from each other.

28 (Currently amended). The splint as claimed in claim 27, wherein said band of material ~~extends downwardly from said forefinger receiving loop, and is provided with releasable securing means to securely position said band of material around a person's wrist~~ forefinger-receiving loop is substantially frusto-conical when operatively mounted to a forefinger of an intended user.

29 (Currently amended). The splint as claimed in claim ~~28~~ 27, wherein said ~~securing means comprises complementary loop and pile fastener strips located along the length of one or more surfaces of said band of material~~ elongated band is of a substantially constant width.

30 (Previously presented). The splint as claimed in claim 27, in combination with a glove or mitt.

31_(Previously presented). The combination of claim 30, wherein said splint is secured to an inner surface of said glove or mitt.

32_(Previously presented). The combination of claim 31, wherein said glove or mitt is a sports glove or mitt.